

# PROTECTION OF MINORS OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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## Process Updates

The Incident Report Form is now live!

Log into the [Youth Protection Portal](#) to complete this form for any incidents occurring during a youth program, including behavioral incidents, contagious illnesses, reports to Police or CPS, medical treatments beyond first aid, vehicle collisions involving minor participants, or other unexpected occurrences or program concerns.



## Background Check Funds

If you would like to conduct a youth-serving program but need funding for background checks, please complete [this form](#).

## Policy Update

The Safety and Protection of Minors policy will be undergoing updates this year. Watch for the comment period or contact [youth@vcu.edu](mailto:youth@vcu.edu) with questions.

## Youth Protection in the News

- Springfield, Mass. has agreed to pay nearly \$15 million to victims abused by a former middle school teacher in 2023. [Source](#)
- Disney will pay \$10 million for violating the COPPA rule by obtaining children's personal data without parental consent. [Source](#)
- Virginia law limits app use to one hour for children under 16 years old. [Source](#)



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